



JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL FOR ALLOWING AWARD OF CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITION

(Section A must be completed by the User Department and then submitted to the Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance)

SECTION A

Department: Atlanta Fulton Public Library System

Department Contact: Edward Robinson

Description of Supplies/Services: Specialized Library Training services

Demonstration of Contractor's Unique Qualifications:

Category H

LYRASIS provides training and support services that are valuable and necessary to libraries and library staff. LYRASIS is the regional library membership organization formed by the merger of PALINET, SOLINET, and NELINET. LYRASIS provides its members in the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Southwest, and West regions of the U.S. a single purchase option for a unique combination of library products and services.

These arrangements are beneficial to libraries because it allows the regional network to focus its programs and services to the specific needs of libraries in the respective geographic region.

If the County should chose not to approve LYRASIS as a sole source vendor. It will be very challenging for the professional librarians at the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System to complete the training that is necessary for them to attain the continuing education credit hours that are required by the state of Georgia to maintain their librarian licensure/certification. Staff would not be able to effectively relate to the concerns that are specific to libraries in our geographic area. Staff would not be able to stay abreast of the latest library related trends, information and insight. The Library would not be able to receive competitive consortium pricing on specialized library training that focuses on the specific needs of patrons in our area.

(Section B must be completed by the Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance)

SECTION B

MARKET SURVEY

Results of Market Survey

Date Public Notice posted on website: Thursday, October 27, 2011

Date Public Notice closed: Thursday, November 3, 2011

REVIEW OF OFFER(S)

Were any offers received (Y/N):

Number of offers received:

Respondents:

Date Offers submitted to User Department for review:

User Department review and recommendation:
Purchasing Agent review and recommendation:

CERTIFICATION

Having conducted a good faith review of source availability regarding the materials, goods and or services stipulated herein, subsequent to consultation with the County Manager and the recommendation of the User Department, it has been determined that there is only one source available for the required work, labor or service to be done or the supplies, materials, or equipment to be furnished. Per the Fulton County Code of Ordinances §2-319, Conditions allowing for award of contract without competition.

I, Cecil S. Moore, Director, certify that the facts and representations under my cognizance which are included in this justification and its supporting documentation which form the basis for this justification are complete and accurate.

Cecil S. Moore
Director

Date

I, Zachary Williams, County Manager, certify that the facts and representations under my cognizance which are included in this justification and its supporting documentation which form the basis for this justification are complete and accurate.

Zachary Williams
County Manager

Date